

Office of the County Judge
and
Coryell County Emergency Management

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Orders GA-18, GA-19, and GA-20 yesterday (April 27, 2020) in conjunction with his Texans Helping Texans Report to Open Texas, and the Minimum Health Standards Protocols for COVID-19, published by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Earlier in the day, the Coryell County Commissioners Court, as part of their regular meeting, extended their own Declaration of Local Disaster knowing that Governor Abbott would be publishing new Orders and guidance. Although Governor Abbott's Order supersedes the County's current Orders, the extension of the County's Declaration ensured the County remained eligible for all Federal and State aid and grants. New County Orders consistent with the Governor's Order and guidance will be forthcoming.

Highlighting the Governor's Orders are the option for retailers, who are not identified as Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, to re-open with restrictions, and the shift from stay at home to minimize gatherings/minimize in-person contact. Additionally, dine-in restaurants, movie theaters, shopping malls, museums, and libraries may re-open and operate at 25% of capacity with other restrictions being met. Detailed information and specific guidelines may be found in the Governor's Report to Open Texas and the Minimum Health Standards Protocols for COVID-19 from DSHS.

As of 11:30am, there are no changes to the number of positive cases of COVID-19 being reported in Coryell County. According to the daily report from Region 7, DSHS, there are 105 total cases with 32 Active, 8 Recovered, 2 Deceased, and 63 TDCJ Inmates.

Citizens are urged to continue to follow the guidelines and rules established by the National Center for Disease Control (CDC), State, and Local Governments.

More information about Coryell County services, including Emergency Management and County Disaster Declarations, may be found at <https://www.coryellcounty.org>.